
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 366 (File 533, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS, COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE WORK IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires Department of Public Health (DPH)-licensed social workers, professional counselors, alcohol and drug counselors, and marriage and family therapists to complete one contact hour (i.e., at least 50 minutes) of continuing education coursework in cultural competency during each license registration period. (A registration period is the 12-month period for which a license is renewed.)

By law and DPH regulation, each of these professionals must complete at least 15 contact hours of continuing education during each registration period, except for alcohol and drug counselors, who must complete at least 20 contact hours.

*Senate Amendment "A" applies the new requirement to license registration periods starting on and after October 1, 2014 instead of October 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013 and applicable to license registration periods starting on and after October 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (04/01/2013)